

## **Strategies for managing the use of imaging services**

**ISSUE:** In response to concerns about rapid growth in the volume of imaging services paid under the Medicare physician fee schedule, MedPAC has explored strategies used by private plans to manage the use and quality of imaging services and examined how feasible it would be for fee-for-service Medicare to implement these approaches. At our October 2004 meeting, we discussed the effectiveness of several approaches used by private plans and mentioned parallel programs in Medicare.

**KEY POINTS:** We will address a range of possible policy changes to manage imaging services in Medicare.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should consider the draft recommendations we will present and provide feedback on the content and tone of the draft chapter for the March report.

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